

NORWICH HAS THE OLDEST SENATOR

C. S. Avery, 66, the Senior in This Legislature—Senator McNeil, 29, of Bridgeport at the Other End of the Majority of Only Two in the House.

Deputy Secretary of State Richard J. Dwyer has received advance proofs of the preliminary manual and roll of the general assembly of the session of 1913. This roll is the first official announcement of the political preferences of the members of the two houses. The data from which the roll is made up is furnished by the senators and representatives, so that it can be relied on. There has never been any doubt of the political complexion of the senate as determined by the election held in November. It has been known positively that the democrats had a majority of seven in the senate and the official roll now completely confirms this opinion.

Majority Only Two.

It is in the political preferences of the members of the house of representatives that there has been a difference of opinion. There has never been a serious doubt of the control of the house by the republicans, but there has always been a question as to the size of that party's majority. It has been claimed that the majority was as high as six. The majority is only two. This brings it perilously near the vanishing point. The plurality is ten. The figures are: Democrats 120, republicans 130, progressives 6 and progressive republicans 2.

It will be seen from this that a change of one republican vote in the house would tie the vote and a change of two would place the majority party in a minority if all the other parties were combined against it.

Oldest and Youngest.

It may be of interest to state that the roll shows that the oldest member of the senate in 1913 is Senator Avery of Norwich, aged 66 years, and the youngest is Senator McNeil of Bridgeport, who is 29 years. The oldest and the youngest senators are democrats. Two of the thirty-five senators are of foreign birth, one having first opened his eyes to the light of day in Germany and the other in Ireland. The percentage of republicans elected in Hartford county is greater than that of any other county. In New London county it was almost a clean sweep for the democrats, the figures being six republicans and twenty-four democrats. It is a slight fact that in Windham and New London counties the same number of democrats and republicans were elected there being in each county eleven of each party. In three or four instances the representatives have not replied to the request for data, and Deputy Secretary Dwyer has been obliged to take the political designation reported in the nomination papers.

ASKING QUESTIONS IN SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSONS

Hartford Superintendent Spoke on Topic at Institute at Christ Church.

The second in the series of Sunday school institution under the direction of the Sunday school commission of the diocese was held Thursday evening at Christ Episcopal church, with a good number present. The address was by Oscar A. Phelps, superintendent of the Hartford Sunday School union. Rev. Richard R. Graham presided and introduced the speaker.

Asking Questions—The Importance—and How to Ask Them, was Mr. Phelps' topic. There are, he said, many arts which the teacher may employ in his work and the art of teaching is in itself worth learning. Asking questions is the most important part of teaching in the Sunday school. By the question the teacher can find out just how much or how little has been learned and how much has been misunderstood. A skillful teacher can teach the whole lesson without stating a single fact not first obtained from the scholars if they have studied the lesson. The thing of prime importance is how to ask the questions. There are two sorts of questions which the teacher will use, questions of review and questions of thought. The question of review shows the pupils' knowledge of past lessons, or the present lesson, and is practically the only form of question used with the small children. The second form of question requires thought, the use of logic, and is adapted only to the older scholars.

As to the kind of questions to ask, the speaker said that a good question was one adapted to the scholar, to the lesson and to the lesson plan; brief and clear, with but one possible answer, to avoid confusing the child. Questions which should not be used were those with characteristics opposed to the above requirements, and leading questions, questions answerable by Yes or No, echo questions and blank form questions.

The speaker made his remarks clear by blackboard illustration and gave a practical demonstration of the method of carrying out his ideas, asking questions and having those present ask questions.

Thermos Plants on Night Time.

The Thermos plant here has been working nights for some time. The factory in New York is also working nights, such is the crush of orders on the books.

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